

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT WHELAN: The Legislature will come to order. Roll call. Record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Mills would like to be excused until he arrives, Senator Simon until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Have you all recorded your presence? Record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Corrections to the Journal.

CLERK: Read corrections. (See page 1609, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Are there further corrections? If not, the Journal shall stand. Notices, reports, announcements and any communications from the Governor.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have the certificates with respect to the override of LR 98 and LR 109 ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: In the South balcony we have 15 seniors, teachers and some adults from Rising City, Nebraska High School. That is in Senator Schmit's District. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. We are glad to have you here. The Chair recognizes the Speaker for an announcement.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I met with the Chairmen this morning. We discussed those ominous words spoken by the Chaplain a little while ago, the last days, and we are entering into the last days. There is no doubt about it. We have checked the fact we have twelve legislative days left but we also have only about six or half of that time that we can get bills off of General File. So the last date that we can schedule to get bills off of General File will be a week from tomorrow or Wednesday, the 12th. That means that in order to get our Final Reading, our Select File, our motions along the way in by that time, we are going to have to very carefully plan them and I am going to plead with you that you attempt in every respect to follow the Speaker's agenda, if we are going to get these things done. This is what was suggested and the Speaker is going to announce to you that we are going to try to do. We are going, Thursday of this week we are going to have Final Reading. Of course, this morning Senator Warner is going to add a couple of bills so that we can get them over to the Governor, appropriations bills. We will get the bulk of the appropriations bills for Final Reading this Thursday. On Friday of this week, we are going to devote the morning to priority bills and the afternoon to consent calendar. This will move us along about as much as we can be moved along into that last day for getting bills off of General File. As far as resolutions are concerned, those of you who have resolutions or will be introducing resolutions, we are going to schedule those after the 54th Day because of the fact that they are not any, there is no requirement that they have any legislative days. They can be acted upon at that moment and you don't have to worry about the Governor's signature or anything like that or vetoes.